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E.O. 12065: GDS 9/28/85 (DUNLOP, THOMAS P.H.) OR-P
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SUBJECT: (U) SOVIET INTENTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ON SEPT. 26 EMBASSY DELIVERED TO FSFA A NON-PAPER OUTLINING US CONCERNS RE SOVIET INTENTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN WITH REQUEST FOR YUGOSLAV VIEWS. ON SEPT 28 POLCOUNS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH DRAGOSLAV PEJIC, FSFA OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, ALSO PROVIDING PEJIC A COPY OF STATEMENT BEFORE THE CONGRESS BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS ON THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN APPEARING IN SEPT 26 WIRELESS BULLETIN. PEJIC THANKED US FOR THE INFORMATION AND SHARED HIS OPINIONS FRANKLY, ADMITTING HOWEVER THAT THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE GOY IS SKETCHY AND CONTRADICTORY. THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO AMIN'S TAKEOVER AS WELL AS THE CURRENT SITUATION AND TARAKI'S FATE ARE "STILL UNCLEAR."

3. BRIEFLY TRACING THE HISTORY OF THE TARAKI-AMIN GOVERNMENT SINCE APRIL 1978, PEJIC SAID THAT THE RELATIVE "UNITY" OF THE REGIME HAD LASTED ONLY TWO MONTHS, UNTIL THE NOT UNEXPECTED PARCHAM SPLIT. THE GOY WAS SURPRISED AT THE RECENT EVENTS, PARTICULALY THE VIOLENT REPLACING OF TARAKI. SINCE BELGRADE HAD THOUGHT THE KHALQ GROUPING TO BE MORE UNIFIED THAN IT WAS. PEJIC SUSPECTS THAT THE SOVIETS WERE ALSO SURPRISED, AS TARAKI WAS IN MOSCOW IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS REMOVAL. THE GOY HAS NO RESOURCES TO MONITOR EVENTS IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE SOVIET UNION. HOWEVER, IT COULD LOOK WITH GREAT CONCERN ON ANY SOVIET MOVE TO INCREASE ITS PRESENCE, ESPECIALLY MILITARILY, IN AFGHANISTAN.

4. PEJIC ADMITTED THAT THE GOY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT DIRECTION EVENTS WILL TAKE IN AFGHANISTAN BUT DID NOT DISAGREE WITH POLCOUNS STATEMENT THAT THE FGHAN GOVERNMENT'S BASE HAS NOW SHRUNKEN EVEN NARROWER. HE SAID GOY EMBASSY IN KABUL IS UNSURE OF THE MILITARY'S ROLE IN THE RECENT EVENTS, MUCH LESS WHETHER IT REMAINS UNITED OR WHAT POLICY ATTITUDES IT MAY DISPLAY IN FUTURE, BUT, HE SAID, "FOR SURE, THE MILITARY IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE."

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